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1. THE INDIAN PRESS REPORTED JANUARY 19 THAT "SEVERAL ASIAN AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES" WOULD BE SENDING SENIOR OFFICIALS AND EXPERTS TO A DELHI MEETING OF THE ASIAN-AFRICANLEGAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON CERTAIN LAW-OF-THE-SEA ISSUES FEBRUARY 2-6. ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS THE MEETING IS IN PREPARATION FOR THE LOS CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK AND WILL INCLUDE A DISCUSSION OF QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF THE SEABED AND STANDARDS FOR POLLUTION CONTROL.

2. IN VIEW OF THE APPARENT CONTRADICTION BETWEEN THE PRESS REPORTS AND WHAT SECRETARY-GENERAL SEN HAD ONLY TOLD US JANUARY 7 (REFTEL), AN EMBOFF TELEPHONED HIM JANUARY 19 FOR CLARIFICATION. SEN EXPLAINED THE "NEXT REGULAR" AALCC REMAINS SCHEDULED FOR LATE JUNE IN KUALA LUMPUR AS HE HAD INDICATED, BUT THE JANUARY 19 PRESS WAS ACCURATE IN REPORTING THERE WOULD BE A DELHI MEETING ON CERTAIN LOS QUESTIONS FEBRUARY 2-6. THE MEETING WOULD INVOLVE "THE AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS" WHO DEAL WITH SUCH QUESTIONS. NO OBSERVERS WOULD BE PERMITTED BUT MOST AALCC MEMBER-COUNTRIES WOULD BE REPRESENTED.

3. SEN WAS ENTIRELY UNFAZED BY HIS FAILURE TO MENTION THE DELHI MEETING DURING THE JANUARY CONVERSATION ABOUT AALCC

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LAW-OF-THE-SEA PLANS IN 1976.

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